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H. R. 2330

To make funds available for fisheries resource disaster assistance for the 2016 Yurok Tribe Klamath River Chinook salmon fishery disaster, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 3, 2017

Mr. HUFFMAN (for himself and Ms. SPEIER) introduced the following bill;
which was referred to the Committee on Appropriations

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Yurok Tribe Klamath
5 River Chinook Salmon Emergency Disaster Assistance Act
6 of 2017”.

1 **SEC. 2. FISHERY RESOURCE DISASTER ASSISTANCE FOR**
2 **THE 2016 YUOK TRIBE KLAMATH RIVER CHI-**
3 **NOOK SALMON FISHERY DISASTER.**

4 (a) APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS.—In addition to any
5 other funds available for such purpose, there is appro-
6 priated to the Secretary of Commerce \$22,450,000 to pro-
7 vide assistance to the Yurok Tribe of California in accord-
8 ance with this section for assistance for the economic and
9 social effects of the 2016 Yurok Tribe Klamath River Chi-
10 nook salmon fishery disaster as determined by the Sec-
11 retary of Commerce on January 18, 2017, and to mitigate
12 the economic losses to such Tribe, businesses, individuals,
13 or other entities caused by fishing closures or other re-
14 strictions on the harvesting of Chinook salmon.

15 (b) DISTRIBUTION.—Of the amount appropriated
16 under subsection (a), the Secretary shall make available
17 to the Yurok Tribe—

18 (1) \$2,000,000 for use by the Tribe under sec-
19 tion 312(a)(2) of the Magnuson Stevens Fishery
20 Conservation and Management Act (16 U.S.C.
21 1861a(a)(2)) for the assessment of social and eco-
22 nomic effects of the fisheries failure, including an
23 assessment of Tribal needs related to the loss of suf-
24 ficient fishing opportunities and an assessment of
25 impacts to Tribal children;

1 (2) \$14,450,000 for use by the Tribe under
2 such section to provide assistance for the support of
3 fishermen and the local community affected by the
4 fisheries failure, including for—

5 (A) the loss of revenue by fishermen and
6 the community;

7 (B) the loss of Tribal revenue;

8 (C) supplementation of traditional food
9 sources;

10 (D) economic assistance for Tribal fami-
11 lies;

12 (E) infrastructure to process fish;

13 (F) Tribal enterprises that lost revenue
14 from a reduction in fishing related business;

15 (G) Tribal members who own businesses
16 dependent on fishing activities; and

17 (H) support of Tribal law enforcement ac-
18 tivities; and

19 (3) \$6,000,000 for use by the Tribe under such
20 section to provide assistance for the restoration of
21 and monitoring activities regarding fishery habitat
22 and to address factors that impact the health of the
23 fishery, in order to minimize the chance of a reoc-
24 currence of a similar fishery failure in future years.

1 (c) AVAILABILITY.—Amounts appropriated by this
2 section shall remain available for the period with respect
3 to which the determination referred to in subsection (a)
4 is made.

5 (d) UNUSED FUNDS.—Any amount appropriated by
6 this section that is not expended or otherwise obligated
7 for the purpose described in subsection (a) shall be re-
8 turned to the Treasury of the United States.

9 (e) TREATMENT OF TRIBE AS STATE.—For purposes
10 of the application of section 312 of the Magnuson Stevens
11 Fishery Conservation and Management Act (16 U.S.C.
12 1861a) with respect to amounts appropriated by this sec-
13 tion, the Yurok Tribe shall be treated as a State.

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